

Transit Shelter Public Art Project Fact Sheet



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Photo: Craig Smith

Title: Transit Shelter

Location: Southwest corner of Mill Avenue and University Drive

Artist: Garry Price

Completion: January 1995

Medium: Textured stainless steel

Description: This project was conceived through the city of Tempe's Public Art Transit Shelter Competition where three artists were chosen (Joe Tyler, Jeff Zischke and Gary Price) out of seven submissions to design art transit shelters for specific locations on Tempe streets. Price, inspired by deconstructionist architecture, designed this postmodern transit shelter in 1994. At the time of the project's conception, the artist's house was struck by lightning indirectly inspiring the use of a durable and easily repairable material such as stainless steel. Also, Price made sure that the structure was adequately grounded to prevent lightning strikes from injuring passengers. Tempe's goal with its Artist Designed Transit Shelters is to encourage people to use the public transportation by making it attractive, innovative and functional.

Funding: The project was funded through city of Tempe Capital Improvement Project Percent for Art funds made available through the Tempe Transit Tax.

Artist biography: Garry Price was born in 1952 in Colorado Springs, Colo. In 1984 he graduated Cum Laude from Arizona State University's Bachelor of Fine Arts program emphasizing in ceramics. Price then continued to do graduate research at ASU until 1986. Since leaving, Price has shown his sculptural artwork widely and has works in many collections in the United States and abroad, including The Embassy Suites in New York and The Tokyo Hilton in Japan.

Artist statement: With aesthetics inspired by deconstructionist architecture, this shelter is intended to serve as a functional and beautiful place for bus passengers to rest as they wait for their next ride.